

Delta Abandoned Vessel Removal Discussion
September 19, 2006
Summary

Reports/Follow-up to January Meeting

Contra Costa County Public Works' grant application for extending clean boating program recommended for funding (final award anticipated Sept./Oct.). Pursuant to Group discussion in January, grant includes component for assisting local entities in processing of applications for B&W abandoned vessel removal funding. Once grant is approved Group will work with CCC to develop process.

Contra Costa County Sheriff awarded \$99,000 from B&W in 05/06 for removal of 39 identified abandoned vessels. \$70,000 has been expended to date for removal of 36 vessels. Anticipate expending remaining funding for removal of remaining 3 vessels. Phased approach was found to be cost-effective.

Boating and Waterways is revitalizing the Abandoned Vessel Removal Task Force. A meeting is scheduled for November 16th in Sacramento. Anticipated topics include: feasibility of developing a pre-abandoned vessel incentive turn-in program; consideration of addressing commercial as well as recreational vessels; public and private marina disposal incentives; and need to address abandoned vessel issue regionally and statewide.

Ways to improve existing ordinances and the need to develop statewide ordinances were discussed. Sacramento County anticipates adoption of an Ordinance in the near future and will be using the Contra Costa County and Redwood City Ordinances as examples.

Opportunities for DWR, SLC, B&W, and local law enforcement entities to work in concert to address potential floodway hazards posed by derelict facilities and vessels was discussed.

Follow-up Tasks

Provide Vivian Matuk with boat salvage/recycle companies/contractors. Vivian will compile a reference list for the Group to utilize in responding to public inquiries.

Mary Thomas will provide a list of applications submitted (and awarded) for B&W abandoned vessel removal grant funding since January.

Charlie Slabaugh will provide a copy of the Redwood City Ordinance as a model reference for development and improvement of local ordinances.

DWR, SLC, and B&W staff will coordinate a discussion on potential ways to incorporate language into marina leases, increase bond amounts, and utilize existing guidelines and expertise to enhance enforcement capabilities relative to derelict facilities.

Linda Fiack will coordinate with Solano, San Joaquin and Yolo to develop an understanding of the importance of a Delta-wide approach to a successful Delta abandoned vessel removal program with goal of having all counties represented at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Topics (in addition to those identified in January)

Extension of County enforcement code authority into waterways.

Education of BCDC and others as to impacts of enforcement in one area on another (SF Bay to Delta).

Issue of live-aboards.

Incentives for public and private marina owners to dispose of vessels.

Next Meeting

January 07? in Contra Costa County.

Agenda to include: Local Enforcement Code discussion; and need for regional education.